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WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANS

TO PRESERVE FATHER KINO MISSION

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1. FEDERAL DELEGATE AND STATE DIRECTOR OF TOURISM FOR SONORA, DOCTOR (MD) SERGIO BRIBIESCA ELVIRA, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, TO SEEK US SUPPORT FOR, AND COOPERATION IN, A JOINT US-MEXICAN PROJECT FOR PRESERVATION OF THE CHAIN OF MISSIONS FOUNDED BY FATHER EUSEBIO FRANCISCO KINO IN SO-CALLED "PIMERIA ALTA" OF NORTHERN SONORA AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA. DR. BRIBIESCA WILL COORDINATE HIS WASHINGTON PROGRAM THROUGH MEXICAN EMBASSY.

2. STATE OF SONORA ADMINISTRATION HEADED BY GOVERNOR CARRILLO MARCOR IS ANXIOUS TO GIVE TOURISM IN THIS STATE, BOTH OF MEXICAN AND US ORIGIN, A NEW ORIENTATION. SONORA HAS HERETOFORE BEEN PRIMARILY TRANSIT ROUTE FOR MEXICAN TRAVELLERS NORTHBOUND TO US SOUTH-WEST, AND FOR AMERICAN TRAVELLERS BOUND FOR WEST COAST AND SOUTH-CENTRAL MEXICO. HISTORIC HERITAGE LEFT BY FATHER KINO, WHO CHRISTIANIZED THIS REGION, HAS SIMILAR WEALTH OF RELICS AND LEGENDS AS THE CHAIN OF CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDED BY FRAY JUNIPERO SERRA, BUT IS ALMOST TOTALLY UNEXPLOITED. TOURISM DIRECTOR

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IS ANXIOUS TO SALVAGE THE SONORAN MISSIONS FROM RAVAGES

OF TIME AND NEGLECT, TO IMPROVE ROAD LINKS AND TRAVELLER SERVICES, AND TO THUS PROVIDE GENUINE EDUCATIONAL TOURISM GOAL FOR TRAVELLERS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. HAVE PROVIDED BRIBIESCA WITH NAME OF DIRECTOR DREYFUSS, AND SUGGESTED HE REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR CALL, WHICH I RECOMMEND. BRIBIESCA HAS BEEN WORKING WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES IN ARIZONA, BOTH ON KINO PROJECT AND ON LONG RANGE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PARALLEL NATIONAL PARKS ON BOTH SIDES OF BOUNDARY. BRIBIESCA , WHO IS RESIDENT OF AGUA PRIETA, SPEAKS ENGLISH. SACKSTEDER

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